

GRAUSTARK

Stand-by
players:
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1968CH

"Spring 1905"

EAST ENGULFED IN LETHARGY

ENGLAND (Linden): F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F North Sea S F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F Kie-Bal; F Ber S F Kie-Bal; A Hol-Kie; F Ska-Swe; A Den S F Ska-Swe.

FRANCE (Berman): R Tun-Ion; F Tyr-Rom; A Mar-Pie; F Wes-Tyr; A Bel-Ruh; A Bur-Par; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Vie.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): A Par-Bre.

ITALY (White): A Vie-Tyr; A Ven S A Vie-Tyr; F Tus-Rom; F Ion-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Gal-Vie; A Bud & A Tri S A Gal-Vie; A Ser S A Tri.

RUSSIA (C. Johnson): No moves received. F Norway, F St.P(n.c.), A Sev, A Fin, A War hold. F Swe dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (McLeod): No moves received. A Ank, A Bul, F Gre, F Aeg, & F Bla hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Tyr is dislodged and must retreat to Boh or Mun. The direction of this retreat should be phoned immediately to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. THE DEADLINE FOR "Fall 1905" MOVES IS NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1969. For stand-by moves see page 10 of this issue.

VENICE: The French fleet in Tunisia has usurped the Italian Protectorate. The Italian King therefore declares war on France.

ROME: The Pope welcomes the French forces, promising compliance with all French edicts.

TUSCANY: The arrival of the fleet has raised the hopes of the (continued in the next column)

1968G

"Spring 1911"

TURKS RAID INTO NORWAY

ENGLAND (Walker): A Spa-Gas; F Eng-North Sea; F Edi & F Yor S F Eng-North Sea; F Cly S TURKISH F Norwegian Sea.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Gas-Par; A Mar S ENGLISH A Spa-Gas.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Bud-Gal; A War S A Bud-Gal; A Sev & A Hol hold; A Mos & A Ukr S A Sev; A Mun-Tyr; A Vie S A Mun-Tyr; A Bur S FRENCH A Mar; F Den-North Sea; F Bel & F Norway S F Den-North Sea; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Fin-Swe.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Arm-Sev; A Rum-Bud; A Ser & A Tri S A Rum-Bud; A Bul-Rum; F Bla S A Bul-Rum; A Smy-Aeg; F Pie-Mar; F Alb-Ion; F Ven S A Tri; F North Sea-Norway; F Norwegian Sea S F North Sea-Norway; F Bre-Eng; F Mar holds ((sic; no such unit exists)).

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian fleet in Norway is dislodged and must retreat to Ska or St.P (n.c.). The direction of this retreat should be phoned immediately to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. THE DEADLINE FOR "Fall 1911" MOVES IS NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1969.

residents who feel an offensive in 1905 may put Italian forces into Piedmont and Marseilles.

WASHINGTON: President Pegasus J. Pig today announced the selection of the site of the first CBM (Cani-Ballistic Missile) launching pad - a playground in Boarkeley, California. At 3 PM yesterday afternoon, 48 subversive eight-year-olds were cleared out of the playground by machine-gun fire, and construction of the launching pad began. A second CBM base is planned for the site presently occupied by Disneyland, as soon as the open season on ducks begins.

1968CL

"Fall-Winter 1904"

ENGLAND GONE, FRANCE GOING?

The Russian "Spring 1904" moves A War-Gal, A Mos-Sev were inadvertently not printed in GRAUSTARK #183. Following "Spring 1904" moves England retreated F Eng-Bre and all other players were informed.

ENGLAND (Schelz): F Bre holds.

FRANCE (Ward): A Gas-Bre; A Mar-Spa; A Por S A Mar-Spa; F North Atlantic-Mid; F Tri S F North Atlantic-Mid.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): F Eng S FRENCH A Gas-Bre; F Lon-Wal; F North Sea-Norwegian Sea; A Bur-Mar; A Ruh-Mun; A Boh-Vie; A Sil S RUSSIAN A War-Gal.

ITALY (Comber): F Mid-Por; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid-Por; A Pie-Mar; F Tus-Tyr; A Gal-Boh; A Tyr S A Gal-Boh; A Tri-Bud.

RUSSIA (Manogg): A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; A Mos & F Edi hold.

TURKEY (Beshara): F Lyo S ITALIAN A Pie-Mar; F Tun-North Africa; A Vie S ITALIAN A Gal-Boh; A Bul-Rum; A Ser S A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; A Sev-Ukr; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Bre, the French A Mar, the German A Boh, and the Italian F Mid are dislodged. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Par, Por. (4) RUSSIA: Edi, Mos, Nor, St.P, Swe, War. (6)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Lon, Mun. (7) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Sev, Ser, Smy, Vie. (9)

ITALY: Bud, Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun,

Ven. (8)

The following retreats, removals, and builds are made:

ENGLAND: Retreats F Bre-Pic. Removes F Pic and is out of the game, since all supply centers have been lost.

FRANCE: Retreats A Mar-Gas. This unit is annihilated. (See under "ITALY".)

GERMANY: A Boh has nowhere to go, and is annihilated. Germany builds A Ber.

ITALY: Retreats F Mid-Gas. This unit and the French army dislodged from Marseilles are both annihilated, as they stand each other off. Italy builds A Rom, A Ven.

RUSSIA: No builds received. Jim Sanders should submit "Spring" moves.

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1968CI

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND (Grayson): See p. 10.

FRANCE (Clark): Builds F Mar.

ITALY (Prosnitz): Removes A Tyr.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): Builds A Mos,

F St.P (npc.)

TURKEY: (Ver Ploeg): Builds A Con.

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Press releases for GRAUSTARK games have been postponed until the next issue, apparently because it is impossible to get completely caught up on press releases, letters, and contests all at the same time.

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SEE PAGE 10 FOR INFORMATION ON ALL STAND-BY MOVES!

KING ARTHUR IS NAT DEDE - YET

Bill Linden submitted a quiz to GRAUSTARK which was printed in #181, and based on Sir Thomas Malory's Morte d'Arthur. Only one person even responded, George Heap, to whom is hereby awarded a post position in the next GRAUSTARK game. (George joins Bruce Gletty, David Johnston, Donald Berman, and Jerry White, winners in previous contests.) Bill's questions, with his and George's answers, are:

1. Who were Galahantine and Galihodin?

LINDEN: Two of the multifarious knights of the Benwick clan, which seems even larger than the Kennedy family.

HEAP: Sir Galahantine and Sir Galihodin put in brief appearances throughout the legend, generally at tournaments and such. Toward the end, it is noted that they are both kin to Sir Launcelot. They both fail to heal Sir Urre's wounds. They both go into exile with Launcelot; the latter makes Sir Galahantine Duke of Querne and Sir Galihodin, Duke of Sentonge. They return to England with Launcelot, take the habit and do penance with him, and finally (after Launcelot's death) return to their own countries to live holy lives.

2. Within the structure of Morte d'Arthur, what is the importance of Lancelot?

LINDEN: His tombstone. Merlin, who happened to be passing by, wrote on it the prophecy: "Here shall be...the greatest battle betwixt two knights that was or ever shall be...and yet none of them shall slay other." (II viii) This is fulfilled by the combat between Lancelot and Tristram in Book X. Incidents like this are, in my opinion, the most serious objection to the Vinaver thesis of separate works. Arthurian enthusiasts will doubtless identify this "person by the river of Camelot" with the ancient tombstone reported by Lewis Thorpe on the river Camel in Cornwall.

HEAP: Sir Lancelot, son of the King of Ireland and a haughty knight (orguluous indeed!) gets himself killed in a fruitless attempt to slay Sir Balin. This occurrence, and the suicide of Colombe (Lancelot's love), serves to bring together King Mark, Merlin, a dwarf, Balin, and Balin's brother, Sir Balan. Merlin and the dwarf prophesy various evils for Balin, Merlin, as one would expect, proving the better prophet. Merlin also prophesies a combat between Sir Lancelot and Sir Tristram at the tomb-site (Lancelot's and Colombe's), which occurs, and alludes to Tristram's coming affair with Iseut (Mark's wife (to be?))

At any rate, because Lancelot died, Colombe died. And because Colombe died (or rather because Balin failed to prevent her death), Balin is doomed to slay King Pellam with the spear that killed Jesus, and that caused the Holy Grail to disappear. I suppose this is significant, if far-fetched.

3. Name the sons of Gawaine.

LINDEN: Gingalin, Florence, and Lovel. Relations between them do not seem to have been very filial, since Gawaine makes no great objection after Lancelot kills Florence and Lovel.

HEAP: Two of Sir Gawaine's sons, Sir Florence and ~~Lovel~~ Sir Lovel, were slain by Lancelot at the attempt to take him in Guenever's chamber. But earlier a third son, Sir Gingalin, is mentioned at the attempt to heal Sir Urre's wounds. Gingalin seems to have had a different mother than the other two. If Gingalin is also Gingaline, he too gets killed by Lancelot at the attempt to take Lancelot, but he is not there said to be a son of Gawaine.

4. What knight of the Table bears a name from human anatomy?

LINDEN: Earl Ulbawes of Surluse.

HEAP: Actually two knights of the Round Table bear names from human anatomy. The best known would be Sir Gareth, who goes under the name Beaumains (fair hands) and ever Sir Beaumains, although in fact Lancelot knighted him under his true

name. But there is also Sir Uwaine le Fise de Roy Uroine who is occasionally referred to as Uwaine le Blanchemains (or le Blanche Mains).

5. Who had a mantle trimmed with the beards of kings?

LINDEN: King Rience of North Wales.

HEAP: King Rience of North Wales and "all Ireland" has such a mantle: he had eleven kings' beards on it and wanted Arthur's for an even dozen. But (although this was a coat, not a mantle) the giant of Brittany beat the record with the beards of fifteen kings and precious stones embroidering said coat.

6. Who were Percard, Pertolepe, Perimones, and Perseant?

LINDEN: The Black Knight, the Green Knight, the Red Knight, and the Blue Knight respectively. All killed or defeated by Gareth.

HEAP: Sir Percard, the Black Knight; Sir Pertolepe, the Green Knight; Sir Perimones, the Red Knight (but not to be confounded with Sir Ironside who was the Red Knight of the Red Launds); and Sir Perseant, the Blue Knight. The first of these four brothers was slain, the others defeated, by Sir Gareth (Beaumains). Sir Perseant is normally called "of Inde"; the Blue Knight thing only comes up later and is then forgotten.

7. What were the arms of (Hiss! Boo!) Mordred?

LINDEN: Bendy argent and sable.

HEAP: The arms of Sir Mordred are described as "a shield of silver and black bends". Sir Dagonet, Arthur's fool, bears this shield against King Mark. Mark, having been told this was Launcelot's shield, runs like a rabbit.

An earlier shield, bearing a King, a Queen, and a Knight with his feet set on their heads, may well depict Mordred but it is nowhere said that these are his arms.

8. Who was Sir Grummore Grummersum?

LINDEN: Heh, heh, I can see them getting this wrong through reliance on T. H. White. Grummore Grummersome, or Gromore, Gromore's son, was an obscure Scottish knight. His only distinction was being in the ambush set by Mordred and Agravaine for Lancelot.

HEAP: Sir Grummore Grummersum, a Knight of Scotland, is at the tournament of the Dame Lionesse. He is a knight of the Round Table and one of Sir Gawaine's party, possibly related. He is on the scene at the attempt to heal Sir Urre's wounds. He may be, speaking logically, the same as Sir Gromore Somir Joure who was with Agravaine and Mordred at the attempt to take Launcelot at Guenever's chamber. If so, Launcelot killed him there.

This is
O. At
P. Great
F. Intervals
R. This
A. Appears
T. To
I. Inflamm
O. Optic
N. Nerves

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9. Who was the wife of Agravaine?

LINDEN: Dame Laurel, niece of Linet and Lionesse. The marriages between this family and the Orkney clan would have set the Sacred Roman Rota in a tizzy.

HEAP: Sir Agravaine was married to Dame Laurel on the same occasion his brothers Gareth and Gaheris married Lionesse and Linet. (The latter is also called the Damsel Savage, and was a Pink.) ((But see also a ballad in the Percy collection, called "The Marriage of Sir Gawaine".))

10. What knight of the Table is called "Son of God"?

LINDEN: Sir Griflet le Fise de Dieu.

HEAP: This be Sir Griflet le Fise de Dieu. I do not see why he was given this appellation, as Cardol, his father, is nowhere so worshipped. ((But a many of Arthur's knights have their roots in the old Keltic mythology.))

OPEN LETTER TO ROD WALKER

Gary Gygax's poem "I'm Glad I'm Not a Soldier" appeared on the cover of GRAUSTARK #173. Rod Walker rebutted with a parody entitled "I'm Glad You're Not a Soldier", in Erehwon 3, #6, as an "answer to Gary Gygax and John Boardman, using the style of the original farce". Since Walker never sent him a copy, Gygax learned about this only some time later. This is his reply.

Dear Rod,

By Jingo, Cappy! You are really clever - even if it is only at imitating. Thanks for your sincere flattery!

How often do you string smelt out to dry anyway? Unless your fishing ability far exceeds your poetic talent it can't be often that you dine "on pike and pickerel and other lavish provender".

Say, I am sorry to learn that you aren't able to disguise cowardice and ignorance, but keep trying there, boy!

You did manage to bring up an excellent point: "what if everybody was (afraid to fight)? A country could get hurt that way." And that's right! People couldn't, but nations that based their economy on the production of war materials would certainly be hurting if their people decided not to fight any more. As Jack Coggins says in his book The Fighting Man:

The history of this planet has been one of blood...Some of the greatest military men have deplored war."

And why will we continue to have wars in all probability?

"Because...we are conditioned to it from childhood. Our history books (chauvinistic to the extreme for the most part), our patriotic songs, our national heroes...are calculated to plant in the young mind the seed ((of love of war))".

A bit further on he says:

"...I have the greatest respect for the world's fighting men...

This respect does not include, however, the mental attitude of those directly or indirectly responsible for military action."

And he makes an excellent case for the majority of the populace bearing this responsibility. Perhaps you would benefit from a bit of reading. You needn't worry about being seen in a library. Anybody aware enough to notice would also be aware of the limitations of Prussian education and its effect on the mentality of those steeped in such traditions. Just keep in mind what Ambrose Bierce said about patriotism, that contrary to what Samuel Johnson claimed it was not the last refuge of the scoundrel but rather the first!

From the second stanza of your plagiarized verse (sorry, hope your dictionary isn't far away) it seems in order that you should be advised not to judge everybody by your own actions.

By the way, which country do you suppose Jesus Christ would have fought for? Well, I suppose you might consider him to be one of those who don't know what "honor" and "duty" are. I suppose you don't get much time to think about that kind of thing being as busy as you are planning out killing and such. One must be a man to kill! Right? Now where did Jesus go astray...

Are the rumors true that the character of the B-52 pilot in Dr. Strangelove was patterned after you? Why not demand royalties!

John sends his best to you, and we both hope you write again soon. Seeing as how you enjoyed my poem so much you'll be pleased to learn that another one will be appearing in an anthology of modern poetry which will be published in May. The title of the anthology is Patterns.)

Gary

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXXII

As Secret Agent O-O-Hate (in private life mild-mannered comic book collector Clark Gunsel from Buyle, Pennsylvania) entered the restaurant from the dungeon stairs, he and his teen-age assistant Burner found a full-scale riot in progress. Fyu Men Kan Chu, the sinister Chinese mastermind who had plotted to organize the world's spies into a union under his secretly pacifistic control, groaned as the adherents of his sons-in-law, the Taiwan spy Kash Yank-chek and the Peking spy Eck Ko-mao, battled amidst smashed chopsticks, flying won tons, and sprays of sweet and sour sauce. The restaurateur's pet tree sloth clung to his shoulder and chattered in terror.

O-O-Hate, whose forged letters had caused this division in the ranks of the Sinister Forces of World Peace, spoke to the distraught Fyu Men Kan Chu. "So comes to nought your plot against the American Way of War!" he said. "Not all your schemes, nor the wiles of your beautiful daughters employed in vain against Burner and me, can save you."

"O cruel fate!" the Chinese moaned. "I started plotting to control the world's spies after the CIA and the FBI shot up my Washington restaurant, each thinking that the other was a group of Communist spies. And now the same thing is happening to my restaurant here in distant Siunik, just as I was on the brink of organizing all the spies here at the convention of the Tarpeia Society."

As the Americans returned to the convention, their last glimpse of the restaurant showed Fyu Men Kan Chu's Number One and Number Two daughters trying to skewer each other's eyeballs with wickedly sharp noodles, while Number Three Daughter, the sinister Chinese-Jewish spy queen Miao Katz, vainly tried to separate them.

(New adventures await O-O-Hate and Burner back at the convention. Follow their continued story in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.)

THE DIPLOMATIC TOUCH

MICHAEL A. SMOLIK, St. Petersburg, Florida: I will thank you to keep your junk to yourself. I read your "magazine" and I could not stand it. This is nothing but anti-American. All you do is cut the U. S. down. All your satire about hunting peaceful coexistence. Do you know what it is? The communists are peacefully coexisting in S. VietNam right now. Is this your idea of peace? Killing hundreds of civilians. Terrorizing the South Vietnamese populace. Trying to extend their system by force?

I believe in a strong American military. I enlisted yesterday and will be proud to serve and proud to fight for the U. S. and her way of life.

I wish for you to not communicate with me again. Your magazine is just junk and I will discard anything further I receive from you.

((And, in answer to a reply to the above))...Man is a greedy animal. Since recorded history began more than 14,000 wars have been fought. The killer instinct is bred deep within us. It is the deepest and cannot be removed. Nothing, absolutely nothing, can change it. Do you think that after all this time fighting each other, we are going to stop now? HA!

The Roman sword alone killed millions. This brings us to another point. Those millions would have produced tens of millions who would have produced hundreds of millions who would have produced billions. Do you realize we (the human race) would have starved out of existence by now were it not for our killing each other. Man is his own predator. We kill ourselves to keep the balance of nature. "Mother Nature" may have looked at it like this. We have all these insects. These birds eat them, that is good for it keeps the insects from destroying the plant life. Now then these hawks kill the birds which keep them in control and there are few hawks with a low birthrate which controls them. But man, here is a different problem. He is the highest order on earth. There is nothing over him to control him.

Without a control the human race will expand and ruin the land, kill the plants, and eventually starve to death, leaving a ruined, useless planet. How is he controlled? I know, he will control himself. He will be his own predator and kill himself. This will keep the population in check by the many deaths and will keep him so busy for so long that he doesn't ruin the earth. The effects of the wars will be repaired by the rest of nature.

This will be the last letter I send to you. For I believe neither of us will be budged. We each have the right to think as we please. This is in the Constitution. I will be fighting for. ((Also in that Constitution is the supremacy of treaties over acts of Congress. Specifically, the ratification of the Kellogg-Briand Pact takes precedence of and overrules the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.)) I believe I have shaken your foundations though, and I know you will never touch mine. In a way I think you are a hypocrite. You talk peace and take money to referee war. Even though it is a game the principle is the same.

Now then you might contend my statements by saying that now man has birth control methods to curb the population. Yes, but man is still greedy, isn't he?

((I am not sure whether these two letters come from the same Michael Smolik. The Michael Smolik who wrote the first letter is a ferocious American patriot. The Smolik who wrote the second letter argues for the biological necessity of war, in the classical tradition of Quinton, Ardery, and Lorenz. As far as Predator-Smolik is concerned, the killing of Americans by Vietnamese, either in Asia or in America, is precisely as justifiable as the killing of Vietnamese by Americans. I would greatly appreciate it if the writer of the next letter would indicate whether he is writing in the character of Patriot-Smolik or Predator-Smolik.))

BOB WARD, Ft. Ord, California: One Staff Sergeant I know publically offered to defend the East Garrison against the "hippies" during the mutiny trial and swore none would be alive when the defense was over. He has also talked of grenading Joan Baez' place down at Big Sur (though "only" with CS grenades) ((sic)).

While I was in basic one of our instructors told us while on patrol to never take more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of our number prisoner so that even with half of us asleep we could keep one on one. The excess of course were to be shot. Finally, we had a sergeant attached to us for a while (now in Germany) who had been part of a military advisory team in Nam. Their questioning technique was to take four or five VC up in a copter and ask questions. The first refusal was thrown out of the chopper. The others would usually talk, though of course the tight budget and overcrowded PW camps made it necessary to throw them out too when the information was gathered.

One medic in our outfit says that he had a prisoner he put on a chopper to be evacuated back for medical attention on a stretcher who somehow managed to jump out of the stretcher and out of the copter, even though he was strapped in.

From these incidents, and a lot of talk about the hippies, it would be easy for a recruit who didn't really know the instructors well enough to talk informally to conclude they were all stalwart defenders of the American Way of Death...The military is very up tight now, and the stories on "war atrocities" are probably indictable under some section of the UCMJ (the Unconstitutional Code of Military Justice as we like to call it) but I don't really give a damn if you print them. Incidentally, my earlier estimate of pot use has been revised. I now put it at 80% occasional and 50% regular in this company. As far as I can tell there is no difference in the rate of use by Vietnam vets and those who haven't been over yet. This fact would upset the army no end.

((("Military justice is to justice as military music is to music." - Georges Clemenceau.))

ROD WALKER, 1575A White Dr., Rantoul, Ill. 61866: I know you consider monarchists as behind the times. At least some of them are not up on modern slang. Von Metzke and his friend, the "Hon." Jos. H. Gilbert, have signed their latest letters to me, "Up the Queen". I could not help but think, "How appropriate; good advice for the Royal Study."

...I might point out, John, that the American Legion plot was against Hoover, not Roosevelt, and was hatched in 1932, not in 1934. The plot failed, not because

it was revealed, but because the Army refused to go along. Unfortunately, documentation on this has long since been destroyed. I might point out that it is hardly fair to censure an entire organization for a plot hatched by some of its leaders, in secret, more than 30 years ago. For all its rightist leanings, the American Legion is well intentioned and very civic minded. Of course, I realize that it is difficult to see good where one is desperately determined to see evil.

((There may well have been an American Legion plot against Hoover in 1932, but the one I know about was planned against Roosevelt in 1934. Leaders of the Legion and representatives of Morgan Guaranty Trust were in on it; the chief Morgan man was a broker named MacGuire. MacGuire contacted a retired Marine general named Smedley Butler, asked him to lead the coup, and gave him \$18,000 on account. The coup was frankly modeled after Mussolini's, and among other things was to restore the gold standard. The rank and file of the Legion was to be roped in by a promise to pay the veterans' bonus immediately in gold. Butler immediately told the story to Representative Dickstein, whose congressional committee held investigative hearings in 1935. The findings will be found in contemporary newspapers, and in Albert E. Kahn's book High Treason. Implicated in the plot were General Douglas MacArthur, Representative James van Zandt (Rep., Penn.), and Louis Johnson, later Secretary of Defense in President Truman's cabinet.

((For later misdeeds of the American Legion see their raids on local meetings of the Democratic Party in California in 1946, their attack on Paul Robeson and his audience at Peekskill not long afterwards, and their claim in the American Legion Monthly (1950's, passim) that there exists a Communist plot to subdivide the United States into four parts. Then, of course, there was the famous American Legion campaign against the Girl Scouts.))

...I am not the author of "OPERATION AGITATION" reversed, as it appeared in Erewhon. ((See GRAUSTARK #183 and the issue of Erewhon therein cited.)) I deleted the actual author's name at his request. That particularly funny satire on your "sacred colophon" was not aimed at your dislike of war, but rather at your slanderous assumption that the United States and their federal Government are somehow "pro-war".

Which brings me to the meat of my complaint. By what right (of divination or otherwise) do you presume to declare what my "profession" is? It is a well-known fact - to you and everybody else I know - that I am getting out of the Air Force (sic - it is capitalized, you know) in the middle of this year. If war were my profession, why it is that I also happen to favor world federalism, the Peace Corps, and general disarmament? I am also, in point of fact, very much against the idiotic ABN, although I have not until now made any declaration on that point. I suggest, therefore, that your remarks on my "profession" are uncalled-for, inaccurate, and in poor taste. I realize, of course, that the only reason you made them was that they made your indictment of me sound better.

I might point out, too, that the mere fact that one is making a career in the military does not prove he is in favor of war. That assumption is asinine, but understandable in one whose contacts with the real armed forces of the United States are so limited and whose concepts of military people are largely fantasies. ((My concepts of military people are based on the letters of ex-soldier Brenton Ver Ploeg, soldier Bob Ward, and future-soldier Michael Smolik in GRAUSTARKs #184 and #185, and other such evidence. Though these three men vary widely in outlook, they all tell the same story about soldiers and their motivations and actions.)) I know more than a handful of Colonels and Generals who would be delighted if there were no need of military force. A retiring Colonel told me just recently that he was not going to join the American Legion because it is "a military lobby". People in the armed services, John, who have been to Korea and Vietnam know what war is like. The vast majority of them with whom I have had any contact do not want any part of war if it can be avoided. The chief difference between our positions is that I realize that there are times war cannot be avoided, and even a few times when it should not be avoided. I suggest that it is you who desire to destroy this nation by removing from it a whole spectrum of realistic policy choices in foreign affairs at a time when no other major nation on earth would reciprocate. I do not think we ought to

deliberately to go to war. On the other hand, in a world in which nations resort to force with alarming frequency, we ought to be ready for a war, don't you think? Ask the Swedes and the Swiss.

Your quote from Rat ((in GRAUSTARK #183, p. 2)) while of entirely dubious trustworthiness, is encouraging if true. I cannot imagine a unit so poorly placed, however, to do this sort of thing than the Pershing Rifles. The unit is ceremonial, not "elite". The "elite" unit of the ROTC is the Rangers.

((Rat printed a photostat of the Pershing Rifles order to report on "radical" student activity. The order was on Pershing Rifles stationery.))

At any rate, I am glad to hear that the ROTC may be used to aid campus administrations control the poor fools who think they can settle issues by riots. I shall have to bear that in mind when I get to the University of California. I do not intend to have my studies and work interrupted by a bunch of puerile hoods. Thank you for calling this to my attention.

((Okay - just keep your kids out of public playgrounds, and wear a gas mask whenever helicopters are around.

((Meanwhile, the U. S. Army Intelligence Command at Ft. Holabird, Maryland, is also establishing a network of informers to report on New Left activities on college campuses. This is revealed in a report by Sheila Ryan of Liberation News Service, printed in Rat (16 May 1969) and other underground papers. There is a "Daily Intelligence Summary" made by the Army's Criminal Intelligence Division of the Intelligence Command. Reports on internal organizational and factional details of the anti-war movement leave no doubt that informers are at work. These reports do not limit themselves to the anti-war movement but also report civil rights marches in the South, such as a march of about 100 Negroes in Jeffersonville, Ga., on 6 December to demand the appointment of a Negro deputy sheriff.))

THIS LAND IS WHOSE LAND?

GRAUSTARK announced another contest. This time readers are given the names of ten fictional countries, and asked to identify the author and at least one of the works in which the country appears. (For example: "Utopia" - Sir Thomas More, Utopia.) These countries do not come from works of science-fiction. The winner will get a free entry into the forthcoming new GRAUSTARK game. The contest deadline is NOON, SATURDAY 28 JUNE 1969.

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| 1. Altneuland | 6. Libertaria (or Libertatia) |
| 2. Gondour | 7. Pharamaul |
| 3. Free City of Judenstadt | 8. Sevarambie |
| 4. Klopstockia | 9. Empire of Tollan |
| 5. Lampedorra | 10. Ubiguchi |

If more than four entries come in, the second-place winner will also get a free game.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The management congratulates Dr. Terry Kuch on the occasion of his marriage to Diana Elizabeth Lord on 1 May 1969.

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College students and others for whom the advent of summer means a change of address should inform the Gamesmaster at once, including the date on which the change becomes effective. Some of these changes appear in GRAUSTARK #184, p. 2.

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Three weekends ago we were visiting friends in Washington. During the course of this visit I was duplicating and sending out the adjudicated "Fall" moves in 1968G and 1968CH, when our hosts' two-year-old son walked in and solemnly handed me eight rolls of toilet paper. Do you suppose he was trying to tell me something?

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To repeat: In the event of a postal strike, all GRAUSTARK deadlines will be rescheduled for the third Saturday after the date on which the strike ends.

After numerous moves hither and yon, Brenton Ver Floeg is now located reasonably securely. His new address is Apt. 603, 6241 N. Winthrop, Chicago, Ill. 60626/

The addresses of two contributors to this issue's letter-column were omitted because they were not immediately available when the column was put on stencil. They are: Michael Smolik, 4580 40th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33714, and Robert J. Ward, US 56837902, 629th Med. Co., Ft. Ord, Calif. 93941.

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Several new Diplomacy players have written asking to be entered in new GRAUSTARK games. Unfortunately, no new games are now open in GRAUSTARK except for the Contest Winners' Games; see pp. 3 and 9 in this issue. Entry in these games is free to contest winners, and there are two spots still available.

However, this new game will make six, all running in GRAUSTARK. I do not expect to begin any new games until at least three of these six are finished. However, newcomers to postal Diplomacy are welcome to subscribe at 10 issues for \$1, and almost 100 back issues are available at 10¢ each, or 15 for \$1. Please write for details.

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GRAUSTARK is the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, having been founded in May 1963. Diplomacy, a board game of World War I, was invented by Allen B. Calhamer (Copyright 1959 by Allen B. Calhamer, and 1961 by Games Research, Inc.)

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GRAUSTARK may have an address change of its own sometime in July. We are presently negotiating for the purchase of a house in Flatbush, and if all goes well we will move in less than 2 months. As these negotiations are traditionally a chancy thing, there will be no announcement of a change of address until the deal is closed. The next issues of GRAUSTARK will tentatively be scheduled for 14 June, 28 June, 12 July, 26 July, 9 August, and 23 August. If an issue is delayed by our moving, you will be warned in advance if this is possible. But if you find an issue delayed sometime this summer, be warned in advance that it merely means we're hauling several tons of books, records, and household furnishings of less importance across Brooklyn.

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NOTICE TO ALL STAND-BY PLAYERS IN GAMES 1968CH, 1969CI, and 1968CL: ACCORDING TO RULE 5, AS PUBLISHED IN GRAUSTARK #168, STAND-BY PLAYERS NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE GAMES. IN 1968CH THE FIRST STAND-BY PLAYER, EDI BIRSAN, SHOULD SEND IN "FALL 1905" MOVES FOR RUSSIA, AND THE SECOND STAND-BY, DAVID LINDSAY, SHOULD SEND IN "FALL 1905" MOVES FOR TURKEY. IN 1968CI THE FIRST STAND-BY, DAVID LINDSAY, SHOULD SEND IN "SPRING 1905" MOVES FOR ENGLAND. IN 1968CL THE FIRST STAND-BY, JIM SANDERS, SHOULD SEND IN "SPRING 1905" MOVES FOR RUSSIA. THE DEADLINE FOR ALL THESE MOVES IS NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1969. STAND-BYS' ADDRESSES ARE:

Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11104

David R. Lindsay, 2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Penn. 16510

Jim Sanders, Apt. 353, 1730 Harrison Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 10453

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The Gamesmaster made his usual attempt to contact players whose moves had not been received; however, two of them were not home, and two more had not left their phone numbers with him. To prevent this in the future, all players who have not already done so should leave their phone numbers with the Gamesmaster. If no moves have been received from them by 9 PM of the day preceding the deadline, they will be telephoned collect for their moves.

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IN 1968CI, FAILING ANY ENGLISH REMOVAL, THE GAMESMASTER REMOVES THE ENGLISH ARMY IN PORTUGAL. (This is something of a questionable point, since a case could be made out for F Hel, F Mid, F Den, or F Bel being further away than is A Por.)